GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF HOCKEY AND FOOTBALL
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government for promotion of all sports including Hockey and Football being played in the country; and

(b) the funds allocated and incurred therefrom for the development and promotion of Hockey and Football in the country during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) : The Government supplements the efforts of recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) for the promotion of excellence in sports, including hockey and football. Apart from providing support for holding national coaching camps through the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the Government also provides assistance for the participation of national teams in training and competitions within and outside the country and the engagement of high performing coaches. Specifically in hockey, the Government has engaged a high performance foreign expert as Technical Adviser to provide technical support to the national men and women teams as also junior national teams. In addition to this, talented sportspersons in the age group of 14-21 are trained under various schemes of SAI, including in SAI Training Centres and SAI Special Area Games Centres, a large number of which have hockey and football among the disciplines in which training is imparted.

(b) : The financial assistance provided to the Indian Hockey Federation, Indian Women Hockey Federation, Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society and All India Football Federation during the last three years under the Scheme of `Assistance to National Sports Federations is as under:

Rupees in lakhs

Name of Sport Federation	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Indian Hockey Federation	89.46	90.34	121.18
Indian Women Hockey Federation	78.81	111.64	189.09
Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society	7.00	1.75	4.00
All India Football Federation	65.37	25.55	61.90
Subrato Mukherjee Football Tournament Society	5.00	5.00	5.00